

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An ink jet recording apparatus, comprising:
a carriage equipped with a recording head for
discharging ink and a first ink tank for housing ink
5 to be supplied to the recording head; and
a second ink tank which is arranged separately
from the first ink tank and is connected with the
first ink tank in order to supply the ink to the
first ink tank,
10 wherein an ink absorber having a lot of cavities
for holding the ink is arranged in the first ink tank,
and an average distance between cavities is 0.12 mm
to 0.25 mm.